

19991224.ba v02_n761.bam.991224

>From ???@??? Fri Dec 24 18:08:50 1999
Message-Id: <199912242044.dBOKikP16799@sco.theporch.com>
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 14:44:19 CST
From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 2761

BOATANCHORS Digest 2761

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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 10:50:44 -0800
From: Arden Allen <gumbear@pacbell.net>
Subject: Re: uhf to type N angle connector
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id: <0FN5007100EFF1@mta2.snfc21.pbi.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hi Jim;

> I'm afraid I don't agree with this advice.

I've never pushed an N connector to breakdown but common sense says it can't sustain the voltages a -259 can. On all other points I totally agree. Mechanically they must be treated as delicately as they are. As far as the necessity for impedance continuity goes, Johnson used them on their 800 MHz commercial mobile radios for years until they had to give in to the N mania. Do you suppose Johnson didn't understand what they were doing? One more kudos for the -259: When you find a used PL-259 at the greed fest with a stub of coax still attached it won't have any missing parts!

Arden Allen KB6NAX Vallejo, CA gumbear@pacbell.net

Message-Id: <199912222012.PAA10446@newman.concentric.net>
From: "John K9UWA" <k9uwa@cris.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 15:15:40 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Subject: Re: AES ... bah humbug.. :-)
CC: johnmb@mindspring.com

> sound deadening solid copper leads).
> Hope everyone has a wonderful and happy holiday season.
> Merry Christmas

> John
Hi John....
not sure about Frontier.....but I have been buying from
.....I know it says Audio....but you WILL LIKE his prices on his Caps.
Mark Oppat
Antique Audio
253 Blanche
Plymouth, MI 48170

313-455-4169 10AM-9PM EST

Litics
4.7Mfd @ 450 Volts 60 cents
10 MFD " 90 cents radial & axial
22 MFD " 1.10 radial 1.20 axial
47 MFD " 2.25

also has lower voltage ones.....

600 Volt Caps Mylars "Greenies" and "Blue Dips"

.001 & .0047	25 cents
.01 & .02	30 cents
.03 & .047 & .068	35 cents
.1 MFD	50 cents
.22 Mfd	65 cents
.47 Mfd	85 cents

and quantities of 20+ get a discount 10% or so.....

Just a satisfied customer.....

Merry Xmas

John K9UWA

John Goller, K9UWA & Jean Goller, N9PXF

Antique Radio Restorations

k9uwa@arrl.net

k9uwa@cris.com

k9uwa@concentric.net

Visit our Web Site at:

<http://www.JohnJeanAntiqueRadio.com>

Message-ID: <38613A91.B3AAA55F@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 14:54:41 -0600
From: Niel Wiegand <nielw@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Callbook Info needed

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'm working on a talk about the changes in ham radio from 1928 to 1968 and would like to show the ham population figures.

The old callbooks used to list the US ham population. Anyone willing to send me the figures for any years you have on hand?

tnx es 73,
Niel-WA5VLZ
<http://www.io.com/~nielw/index.htm>

Message-ID: <38614735.E6D71F8B@vifp.monash.edu.au>
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 08:48:37 +1100
From: Morris Odell <morriso@vifp.monash.edu.au>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Telegraphy and Railroads
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi all,

This is an interesting discussion. Of course there were all sorts of "virtual communities" before the net including, of course, those regular nets one hears on the air still where old mates who have known each other for years get together. It's a bit like a bar where everyone knows each other and can drop in at will.

Take a look at:

<http://www.reasonmag.com/0001/bk.ba.the.html>

73 de Morris VK3DOC

Message-Id: <3.0.1.32.19991222173645.006b2b58@miavx1.muohio.edu>
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 17:36:45 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "James C. Garland" <4CX250B@miavx1.acs.muohio.edu>
Subject: W8ZR Web Site
Cc: COLLINS@LISTSERV.TEMPE.GOV
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Gang,

After procrastinating for two years, I've finally made an attempt at an amateur radio web site. I've included a page on boatanchors, though at this point it's only a beginning. Making the site wasn't as hard as I thought, though it's still pretty unpolished. (Are they EVER really finished?)

The URL is <http://www.muohio.edu/~4cx250b/web/index.htm>

I'd appreciate very much your comments and suggestions. My thanks to Jay Miller, KK5IM, for very helpful advice. Thanks and 73,

Jim Garland W8ZR

Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 16:07:13 -0800 (PST)
From: Randy Zelick <rzelick@inetarena.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: NC-300 schematic needed
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.9912221602180.14762-1000000@inetarena.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi folks,

I just got myself a nice old NC-300. Nothing special, a little grungy but it works pretty well. More distortion than I would expect, though, so I need to check out R and C values, tubes etc.

Well the RX came with a manual, but the schematic is missing! So that is what I need. Happy to pay copy/mailling charges.

Also, if anyone has accessories for sale (wait for laughing to die down) I could be persuaded to spring for a 2M converter, speaker, or calibrator.

Later and t.i.a,

=Randy=

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From: K1HC@aol.com
Message-ID: <0.649970dd.2592cf3a@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 20:04:58 EST
Subject: FS: Zeus and Interceptor-B
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Clegg Zeus (Climaster) and Interceptor-B for sale in the Boston, MA area. Pick up only. \$400. Working condition. Manual copies, dolly for power supply and modulator. Come and try it out in my shack. Call me at 781-461-0101 or e-mail reply.

73,

Dick Bean, K1HC
Westwood, MA

Message-ID: <000501bf4cef\$148023a0\$3ec61b26@mikewarr>
From: "Mike Warren" <w5maz@earthlink.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Frontier Capacitor (was AES ... bah humbug.. :-)
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 20:40:29 -0600
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yep, John, Frontier is still in business. Just got a shipment in the mail today. Called them Sat., they shipped Monday and I received Weds. And they do business "the old fashioned way". They send a bill with the items and you send payment after you receive them. Highly recommended.

Best of Seasons Greeting to all filamantarians.

73 de Mike/W5MAZ

----- Original Message -----
From: john <johnmb@mindspring.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

> Does anyone know whether Frontier Capacitor is still in business?

From: K1HC@aol.com
Message-ID: <0.93dfde74.2593655b@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 06:45:31 EST
Subject: KWS-1 Ant. Relay Wanted
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I need the KWS-1 antenna relay. Please contact me at this e-mail address or at 781-461-0101. Thanks!

73,

Dick, K1HC
Westwood, MA

Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 09:49:29 -0500
From: "ROBERT W. DOWNS" <RWDowns_WA5CAB@compuserve.com>
Subject: Newspaper Clipping
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <199912230949_MC2-9240-88AA@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

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one of the photos. Has four photos taken at a Laclede and Pulaski County=

AREC drill. No calls mentioned but hams shown are Cecil Hall, Dave Bradshaw, Harold Fritz, Bill Wheeler, Bill Lewis, Bill Morgan, Jewell Maling & Jack Stickler. If any of you are around and want the clipping, I'll mail it to you my treat.

73,
Robert Downs
WA5CAB
Houston

Message-ID: <3862040E.30BF@lehigh.edu>
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 11:14:22 +0000
From: "Prof. Arthur I. Larky" <ail0@lehigh.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: boatanchors@theporch.com
Subject: Re: UPS WARNING !
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

DavidC wrote:

>
> Dear Fellow BAers:
>
> I also received a direct response to my posting from UPS. I really
> don't care if my postings are forwarded to anyone, in this case it
> provided an opportunity to state the case directly to UPS.
>
> I have included her E-mail to me and my reply below. Please feel
> free to send your constructive comments to UPS as well. Perhaps
> if we approach this constructively we may see a positive change.

> > Tracy
> > Customer.service@ups.com
> > <http://www.ups.com/>
> > 12/19/99 S-2
>

In the interests of saving bandwidth, I won't quote her reply, but it is
a typical example of a non=answer: "We know we are right".
Art KeHBA

Message-ID: <A96271B9ED2BD211BAF80008C7F41F5D79E6BB@lib.drury.edu>
From: "Mike O'Brien" <mobrien@lib.drury.edu>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "'boatanchors@theporch.com'" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Newspaper Clipping
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 11:53:31 -0600
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Robert:

That's a gaggle of hillbillies from here in the Missouri Ozarks.

I'd suggest contacting Bill Wheeler, K0DEW, in Lebanon, Mo. I have a somewhat aged e-mail address for him as: <bwheeler@advertisnet.com>. If you need additional contact info, let me know...

73, Mike, K0MYW

-----Original Message-----

From: ROBERT W. DOWNS

To: Old Tube Radios

Sent: 12/23/99 8:49 AM

Subject: Newspaper Clipping

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73,

Robert Downs

WA5CAB

Houston

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19991223111052.0079d2a0@pop.igc.org>

Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 11:10:52 -0800

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.org>

Subject: 2m AM In The 60s

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

In the late 50s a radio obsessed kid on Long Island was heard on the first time under the call WV2BJK using a Globe Scout and a Hallicrafters S-38C. The band was 15m because the length of the roof was a half wave on that band. The entire 15m band would sometimes slide out of reach on the S-38C if someone walked firmly across the floor downstairs.

That kid was of course me and I'm back in that house as I am every year at that time. Now I'm in my late 50s and my call is different but the

obsession still burns brightly.

After mastering 15m or perhaps after tiring of chasing 15m on the S-38C I tried 2m AM in 1960. I have found my carefully kept card file of each contact I made during that period. It makes interesting reading. It's amazing in these days when repeaters are considered the norm what modest equipment can do on VHF.

According to the cards I worked regularly into New Jersey, once even contacting W2USA at Ft. Monmouth. Southern connecticut and upstate New York as well as most of Long Island were within my grasp. Best DX seems to have been Rhode Island and Pennsylvania.

The equipment we used is equally fascinating. I had an Eldico mobile transmitter and receiver converted for base use feeding a 5 element beam (with skinny coax) maybe 40ft. above the ground. I had to run out on the porch to turn it manually and of course it swung back to where it really wanted to be as soon as I went back inside.

On the other end there were lots of Gonset Communicators like those used by WA2BPL and K2IRS. W0BOQ popped up using a gooney box mobile - with a halo no doubt as we were all horizontally polarized. More advanced stations had commercial or home brew trasnmitters (with 829Bs abounding) and HF receivers with converters, some with the hot 417A tube in them. W3DJJ generated 100W with an unrecorded but doubtless home brew transmitter and a 417A converter feeding a HRO. Odd combinations turned up like WA2FBAs Seneca - with a Communicator II as the receiver! But FBA quickly assured me that a 417A converter to go with his HQ-110 was in the works. In those days of abundant surplus military radios were fairly common. K2DQG used a TCS-12, presumably with a converter, and a SCR-522. W2BNX sat proudly before his auto tune ARC-3 and BC-342.

While we were grubbing around at the low end of the band the future was unfolding at the high end. There pioneering hams who were almost all two-way radio techs were using converted commercial FM gear and building repeaters. It was an elite society that we traditionalists could not comprehend. I remember saying, "But... you always know who you will be talking to!". Now I'm sorry I missed those heady days on FM.

I've checked a lot of the calls in my file via QRZ.com and it's amazing how many of us are still listed. Perhaps some of the guys I worked then will read this and fill in some details of those days.

The most wonderful thing happened to us radio-obsessed kids on Long Island in the late 50s. K2BKO decided that we needed a place learn the code, sweat over the theory and play with radios. He founded Air Explorer Scout Squadron 466 on the now departed Mitchel AFB. The rotating beacon from Mitchel shined directly in my hamshack-bedroom window. Squadron 466 was a

sanctuary, a playground and a classroom for us. We had command sets new in the box stacked to the ceiling. We had TBX-8s to take out into the field on field day. We had BC-611s to use at our camp outs. K2BK0 rode a military Harley. And we had a big black motor-generator driven transmitter for the Squadron station. It was paradise and I often silently thank K2BK0 and hope some day to return the favor to today's kids.

Regards & Best Greetings for the Season,

Dick

On Foreign Assignment on: Long Island

Dick Dillman, W6AWO
Chief Operator at K6KPH of the Maritime Radio Historical Society
Collector of Heavy Metal:
Harleys, Willys and Radios Over 100lbs.

Message-ID: <38628614.D21BC846@lenzlink.net>
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 15:29:08 -0500
From: knepper <knepper@lenzlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: CRA Site
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Please go to our website to see the what will be the first of many interesting photos in the Collins Photo Album.

Also the CRA membership certificates are being printed. If you want one, please follow the instructions.

Best of Seasons Greetings from our house to yours.

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David Knepper, W3ST
Publisher of the Collins Journal
the official publication of the Collins Radio Association
website: <http://www.pixi.com/~jenkins/collins/>

Message-Id: <v03007804b4886c646b10@[209.179.195.229]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 16:21:12 -0800

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Scott Robinson <spr@earthlink.net>
Subject: Pub in London with old radios in workinbg order

Folks,

A friend of mine recently spent some time in London and discovered this place. The owner is a collector (wood radios, I think, not BAs, but still...) and delighted to fire up the radios if you ask. Here's the address:

Gerry O'Brien
Churchill Thai Chicken
(Churchill Arms pub)
119 Kensington Church Street
London W8
M-Sat 12:30 - 2:30, 6:00 - 9:30
Sunday 12:00 - 2:30

Telephone 0171 792 1246

Merry Christmas, fellow filamentarians!

Scott Robinson
spr@earthlink.net

Junque is GOOD for you!

From: PLT1032@aol.com
Message-ID: <0.54fa5301.259502ce@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 12:09:34 EST
Subject: Fwd: BC-348-Q Backlash
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="part1_0.54fa5301.259502ce_boundary"

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Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Does anyone out there have a preferred procedure for adjusting out the

backlash in the tuning dial of a BC-348?

Bob

--part1_0.54fa5301.259502ce_boundary

Content-Type: message/rfc822

Content-Disposition: inline

Return-path: BC348Q@aol.com

From: BC348Q@aol.com

Full-name: BC348Q

Message-ID: <0.3ef6e13b.25950209@aol.com>

Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 12:06:17 EST

Subject: BC-348-Q Backlash

To: PLT1032@aol.com

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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* * * * *
*      ---REMAINDER OF MESSAGE TRUNCATED---      *
*      This post contains a forbidden message format      *
*      (such as an attached file, a v-card, HTML formatting) *
*      Mail Lists at theporch.com only accept PLAIN TEXT      *
*      If your postings display this message your mail program *
*      is not set to send PLAIN TEXT ONLY and needs adjusting *
* * * * *
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--part1_0.54fa5301.259502ce_boundary--

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19991224093414.007c5b60@pop.igc.org>

Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 09:34:14 -0800

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

From: Dick Dillman <ddillman@igc.org>

Subject: Re: 2m AM In The 60s

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 05:05 PM 12/23/99 -0800, you wrote:

>Dick - Very much enjoyed your remembrances of ham radio on Long Island in the 1950s. My folks lived in >Levittown, LI, NY in 1950 to 1952 or 3. I was a young 11 to 13 year old at the time. Some how I got >interested in ham radio and was one of those kids knocking about at W2GL0, the Levittown Ham Radio Club. I >remember they met in the basement of a local school and had a station there. [rack thing with push pull >813s and 866s, loved to "watch" those tubes during a CW QSO.

Greetings, Bob. I followed you by 5 or 6 years but remember doing exactly the same thing - watching the tubes - before I had my license. Us yardbirds would sit on the floor at K2YMO as the 866s in John's power supply for his 300W amp (with tank coil sticking invitingly and dangerously up through the open hatch of the Bud cabinet) flashed when he keyed the DX-35 exciter. Even though he was only a couple of years older than us we observed him in hushed reverence literally at his feet and hoped that we, too, might someday achieve such greatness.

And we too took the train to the forbidding Federal Building on Washington Street in Manhattan there to tremble before the dreaded Mr. Finkleman of the FCC and ask if we could please, sir, take the amateur radio exam. Something went out of ham radio when we no longer had walk down the marble hallway to approach that great door with the frosted window with "Federal Communications Commission" painted on it. As we grasped the enormous brass knob with a fierce eagle cast into its surface we recalled the stories of unworthy Novices who had entered here never to be seen again.

There were real men behind that door. Men who wore fedoras even in the office and smoked fat cigars and had vests with gold watch chains stretched across their ample stomachs. These were guys with whom one did not fool around. Finkleman would peer down at us from what memory recalls as an enormous height from behind the counter and shove the form in our direction. Then the traditional "Sit here, kid. Put on these 'phones." And he'd crank up that Boehme tape keyer as we tried to hold the pencil with sweaty hands. Thinking back I suspect that Finkleman and the rest of the fedora-wearers probably had a twinkle in their eyes but we were too terrified to notice it.

The thing we lost was the idea that we were doing something important, that a sacred trust came with the license we sweated bullets to get. And there was the lurking knowledge that if we broke that trust a large man in a fedora would appear that the door and our license would be torn to shreds at we stood at attention before an assembeled multitude of our fellow hams.

And yes, no trip to The City would have been complete without a visit to Cortlandt St. Where the World Trade Center now stands was once the true center of the radio universe the likes of which will never again be seen by mortal hams. Great large piles of choice surplus drifted high up against the walls, still new in the box, available at give-away prices that our adolescent budgets could not match. But we peered in bug-eyed through dirty glass windows and occasionally stepped across the threshold trying to muster a nonchalance we certainly did not possess. We were soon shown the door by the proprietors who knew the best they could hope for from us was the purchase of a pilot light when he had an inventory of BC-610s he was trying to move. No twinkling eyes among that crowd!

The passage of time does tend to filter the bad and leave the good. But I will always believe that these really were great times to to be held by the magic of radio.

D.

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From: Richard Loken <richardlo@devax.admin.athabascau.ca>
Subject: Re: 2m AM In The 60s
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id:
<Pine.PMDF.3.95.991224111748.541115621A-100000@devax.admin.athabascau.ca>
MIME-version: 1.0
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> unworthy Novices who had entered here never to be seen again.

Great memories there Dick, its Christmas eve and I am backing up a VMS box so there is lots of opportunity to go into nostalgia mode!

I think that environment held throughout the english speaking world. I stalled going for my license because I was sure I was never good enough and one day took my life in my hands and decided I had to do it. I was 17 and that was December 1968. My parents were going into the city for some other reason so I skipped school and they drove the 75 odd miles from Lanigan Saskatchewan to Saskatoon where I went to the ubiquitous grey stone federal building with the marble hallways and heavy dark wooden doors with pebbled glass and gold leaf lettering announcing the Department of Transport. Same place, only the

names and the faces are changed.

I sat down at the table and listened to a recording at 10WPM while the Radio Inspector putzed about doing his normal duties. I missed a couple letters and he look at my copy and said, "oh that spot was a little fast anyway". Later he was shuffling through the filing cabinet while I did the sending test and he said, "What was that?" so I repeated some letters and he says, "oh, okay". I had to draw schematics as part of the test and then he sat with me and pointed to various parts of the transmitter or receiver schematic and asked me how they worked. It was actually quite a pleasant experiance but I have since been led to believe that not all RI's were so good natured.

Aint no surplus in Saskatchewan. Well that isn't true, they used to sell the buildings of the wartime airforce training fields - and the airplanes for a few hundred dollars but that was long gone by 1968 and radio surplus was to be had only by mail order.

I used to read the Sabre Industries surplus catalogue from Winnipeg with air force surplus from all those dead F86's (what a coincidence!) and command sets, ART-13's, and 19 sets. Didn't have a nickle to my name so I only looked.

The bad part of rural Saskatchewan was that there was no ham radio culture. I never knew a ham in those formative years and rarely met another kid with an interest in radio.

Lovely day for nostalgia.

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From: Fred Powell <powellf@earthlink.net>

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: FS BC-610 Puyallup WA

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Just talked to a guy that has a BC-610 in good shape for sale. Also, other gear and tubes. His name is Ken at 253-847-8505

Too heavy for my taste.

Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 15:06:49 -0500
From: BEN NOCK <G4BXD@compuserve.com>
Subject: BC-610 bit wanted
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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I am looking for the socket assembly that the pa coils plug into
from a BC-610 transmitter. If anyone has a junker with this on
I would be willing to purchase it off them. =

cheers and best 73, Ben G4BXD
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/G4BXD/>
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From: philip mccoey <dgnova@erols.com>
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re BC-348 backlash
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First clean out the old grease in the gear train. I think alcohol will
do.

Sometimes loosening the screws holding the gear train and then
repositioning the
gear train will help.

Philip McCoy dgnova@erols.com

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